Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River Provincial Park

Interim Management Statement

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL STATEMENT

This Interim Management Statement will provide interim direction for the management of the Otoskwin-Attawapiskat waterway until a comprehensive Park Management Plan is prepared.

This statement will provide the basis for the subsequent preparation of the Park Management Plan.

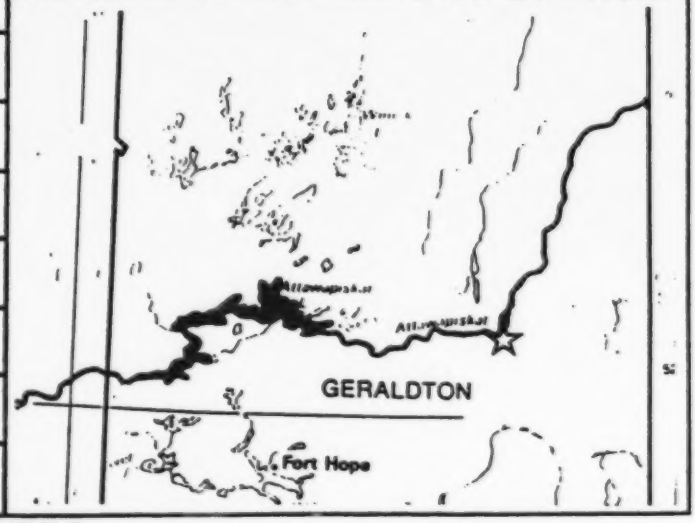
I am pleased to approve this Interim Management Statement for the Otoskwin-Attawapiskat waterway.

G. P. Elliott
Regional Director
North Central Region

D. R. Johnston
Regional Director
Northwestern Region

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: Otoskwin-Attawapiskat River	**REGIONAL SETTING MAP** SCALE 1mm = 3.1km.
PROPOSED CLASS: WA	
M.N.R. DISTRICT: Geraldton	
M.N.R. REGION: NCR	
TOTAL AREA(ha): 69542 **LAND:** **WATER:**	
SITE REGION: 2W; 2E	
SITE DISTRICT: 2, 3; 1	
DATE In REGULATION:	



TARGETS

1 LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

site type/landscape unit	species/communities
Undocumented	

2 EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
Driftwood Stadial Others undocumented	-Fort Hope Ground Moraine landscape unit -Cochrane Advance clay till

3 CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
generally unknown but high potential for sites see Riddle, 1982 for sites on Attiwapiskat Lake	

4 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

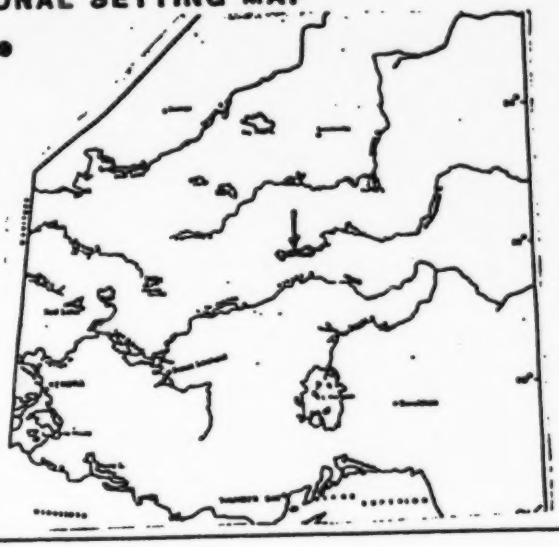
day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	36,000

INVENTORIES

level \ type	earth science	life science	cultural	recreational	other
reconnaissance completion date			site record forms		
detailed completion date			Riddle, 1982		
required?	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	detailed inventory		mineral pot'l inventory

DATE 5.03.84

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

NAME: OTOSKWIN RIVER	**REGIONAL SETTING MAP** Scale 
PROPOSED CLASS: WATERWAY	
M.N.R. DISTRICT: SIOUX LOOKOUT PORTION	
M.N.R. REGION: NORTHWESTERN	
TOTAL AREA(ha): 3,400 **LAND:** **WATER:**	
SITE REGION: 2W BIG TROUT LAKE	
SITE DISTRICT: 3	
DATE In REGULATION:	

TARGETS

1 LIFE SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

site type/landscape unit	species/communities
L.U. 19-Agutua Moraine-Central Portion	Northern Boreal Forest Region and associated vegetation complexes.

2 EARTH SCIENCE REPRESENTATION

geological theme	feature
See Geraldton North Central	District Region

3 CULTURAL RESOURCE REPRESENTATION

theme	theme segment
N/A	N/A

4 RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

day use	car camping	wilderness/back country
N/A	N/A	1000

INVENTORIES

level / type	earth science	life science	cultural	recreational	other
reconnaissance completion date					
detailed completion date					
required?	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	detailed inventory	mineral potential inventory

DATE _____

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

I Land Tenure

The area of the recommended Otoskwin-Attawapiskat Waterway Park is generally defined as 200 meters either side of the lakes and rivers that make up the waterway excepting the area defined as the Lansdowne House Surround (see Map No.1). The Lansdowne House Surround is an area that has been reserved from staking and other forms of land tenure pending the settlement of the Indian reserve issue for the community of Lansdowne House.

The recommended park area is Crown land. A portion of the waterway was set aside as a Wild River Reserve in 1975 (see Appendix A). Two land use permits have been issued for commercial outpost camps in the park. Each site occupies about 0.4 hectares.

Guidelines:

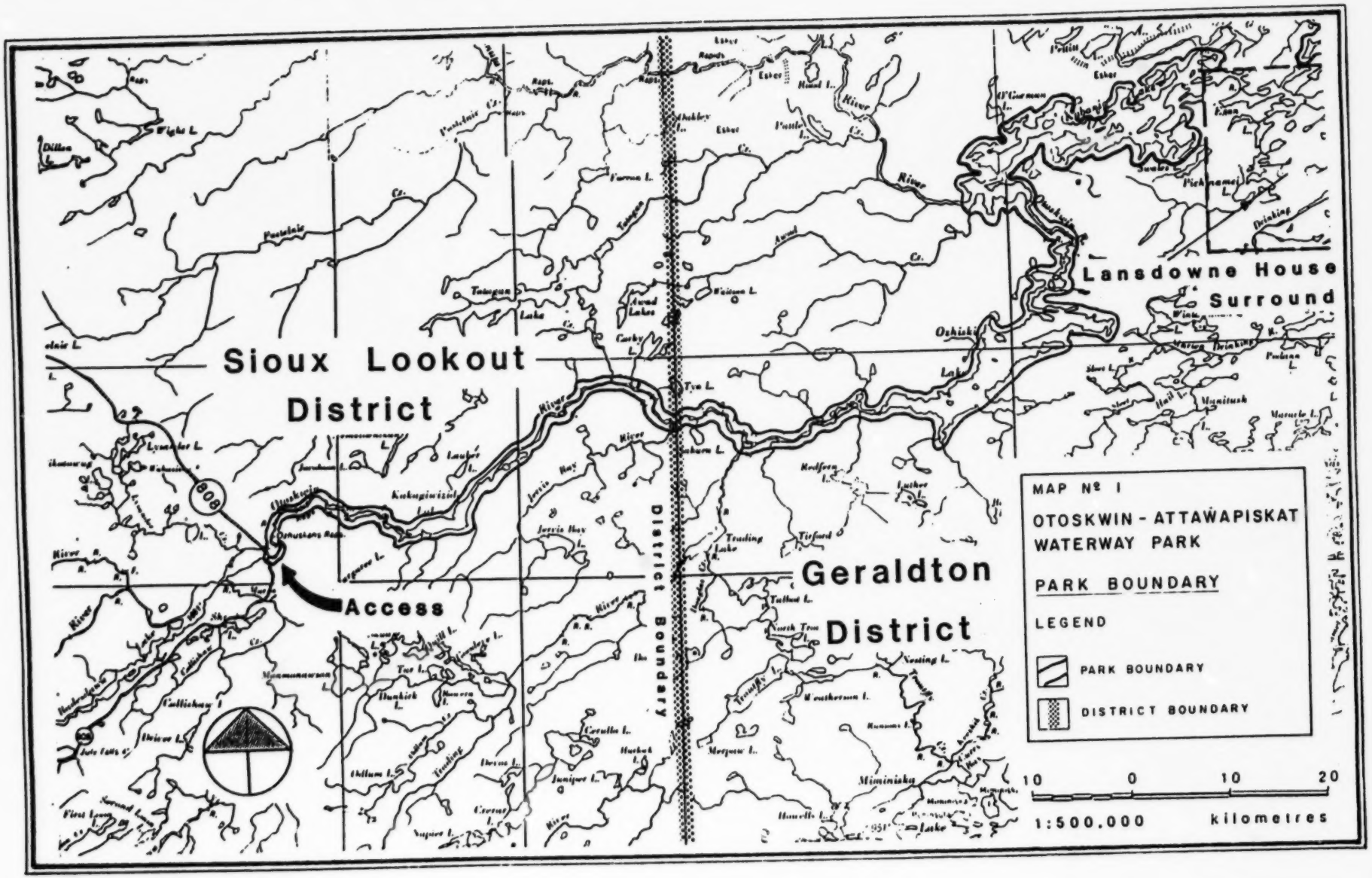
-annual renewal of the land use permits will occur;

-if the question of reserve status for the community is settled, and the Lansdowne House Surround lapses (as stated in the Geraldton District Land Use Guidelines (unreleased)), the recommended park area will be revised. The presence of the recommended park will not prejudice any discussions that may occur.

-no further land alienation will occur within the recommended park until a management plan is prepared.

II Existing /Proposed Development

Access may be gained to the waterway where Highway 808 crosses the Otoskwin River at Badesdawa Lake, 66 kilometers north of Pickle Lake (in Sioux Lookout District). The canoeist may also fly into Lansdowne House on one of the regularly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Geraldton District
Lansdowne House Surround
Access
District Boundary
808
MAP Nº 1
OTOSKWIN - ATTAWAPISKAT WATERWAY PARK
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LEGEND
PARK BOUNDARY
DISTRICT BOUNDARY
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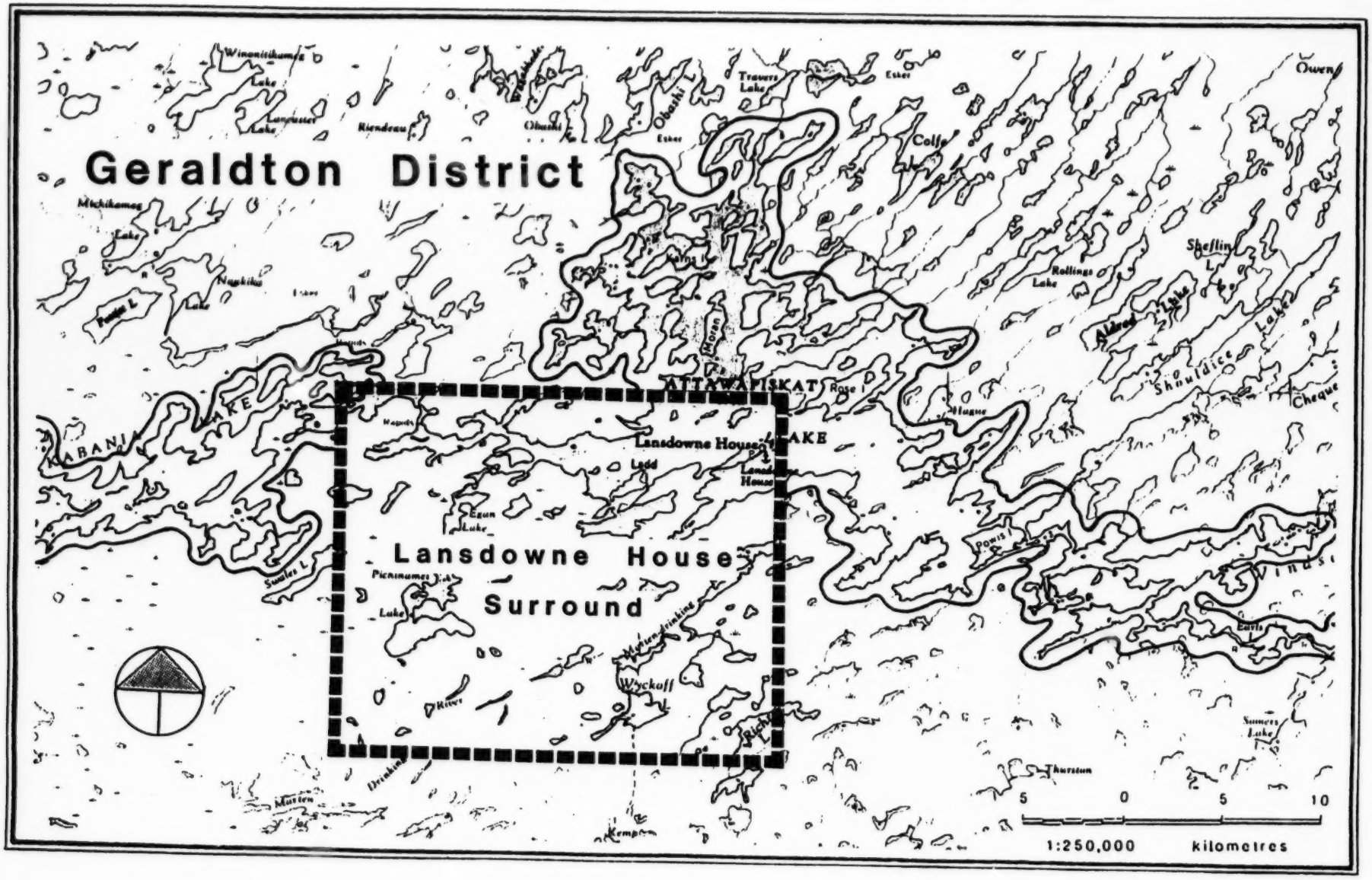
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Lansdowne House
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Aldred Lake
Shouldice Lake
Cheque
Hogue
Rose L.
Ladd
Esun Lake
Swales L.
Picninames L.
Wyckoff
Drinking
Earth
Summers Lake
Thurston
Kempon
Mistern
Drinking
Michikamau Lake
Naphika Lake
Foster L.
Wisconsin Lake
Riendeau
Obaoki
Esser
Owen
Moran
Hawkes
Lansdowne House
Ladd
Esun Lake
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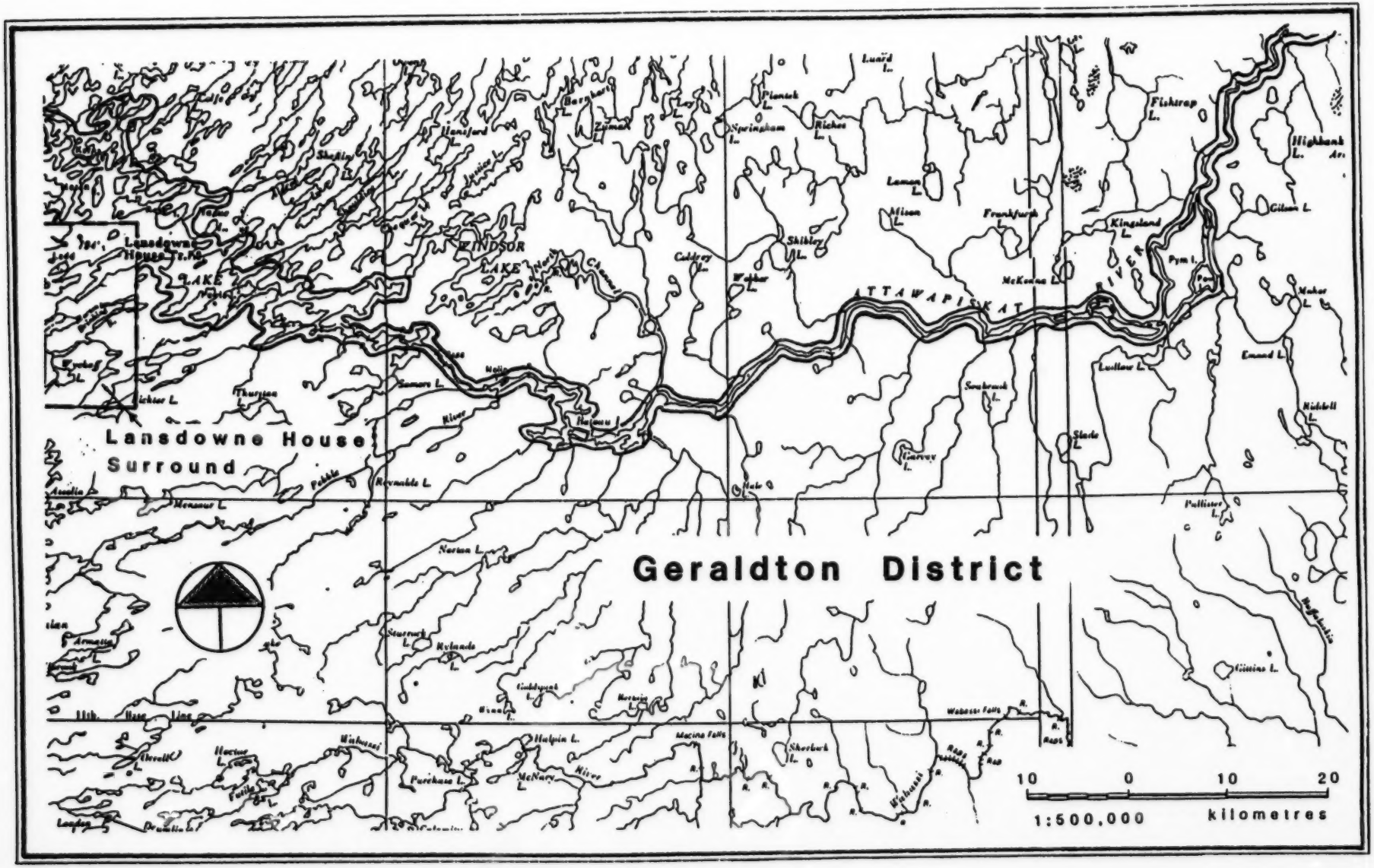
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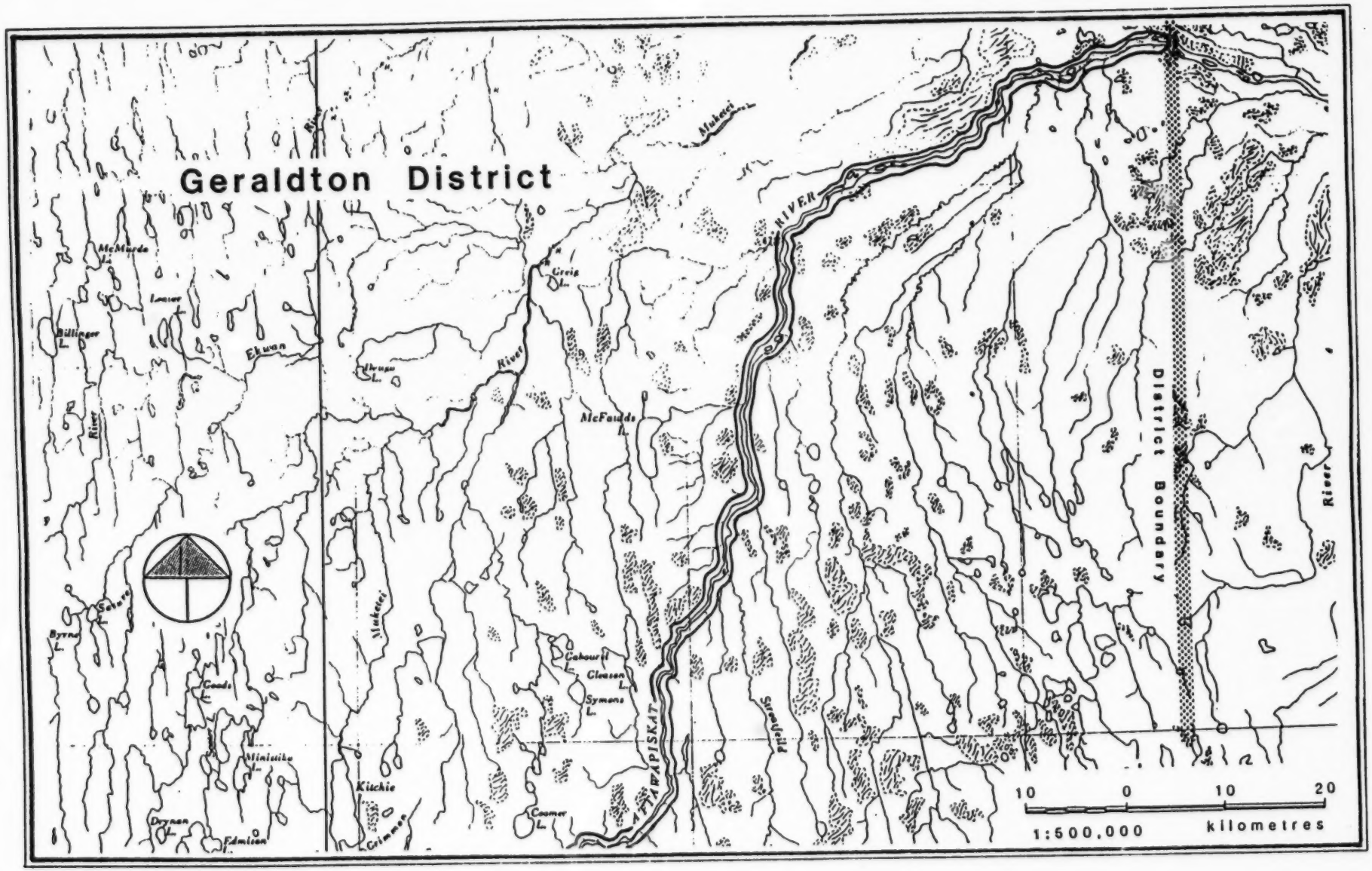
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Byrne L.
Gahourd L.
Gleason L.
Symons L.
Coombs L.
Minisuike L.
Kitchie L.
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scheduled flights or by float plane to one of the numerous lakes or suitable stretches of river. There are campsites and portages along the waterway but their condition is unknown since no up-to-date inventory exists.

Guidelines:

-various options for conducting an inventory of the park's resources will be explored. This includes the possibility of carrying out a joint project between Geraldton and Sioux Lookout districts;

-an access point may be established adjacent to Highway 808, in the future.

III Recreational Activities

Recreational activities that occur within the area include canoeing, camping, sport fishing and hunting. No surveys of users have been carried out, however, the level of use is considered to be very low because of the difficulty of access.

Guidelines:

-the Geraldton, Sioux Lookout and Moosonee districts will attempt to establish a system to monitor park use. This will be information which is important for the preparation of the park management plan;

-sport fishing will continue to be a permitted use;

-hunting will continue to be a permitted use;

-outboard motors will be permitted within the recommended park;

-use of the waterway for high quality recreational activities, such as sport fishing and remote canoeing, will be encouraged in order to attract users to the area.

IV Commercial Activities

1. Commercial Tourism

There are two outpost camps located along the waterway, one at Beteau Lake and the other south of Pym Island (see Map No.2). They cater to sport fishermen and hunters. In addition, commercial air carriers may fly parties to various locations along the waterway. The actual amount of tourist use is not known.

Guidelines:

-commercial tourism will continue to be a permitted use in this recommended park;

-no additional development, including boat caches, will be permitted pending completion of a management plan. Existing structures may be reconstructed providing there is no increase in capacity;

-land use permits for the outpost camp sites may be transferred providing all the requirements of other Ministry policies are met. Should a location be given up (not renewed) by its holder, it will not be re-issued. The site will be restored to a state acceptable to this Ministry;

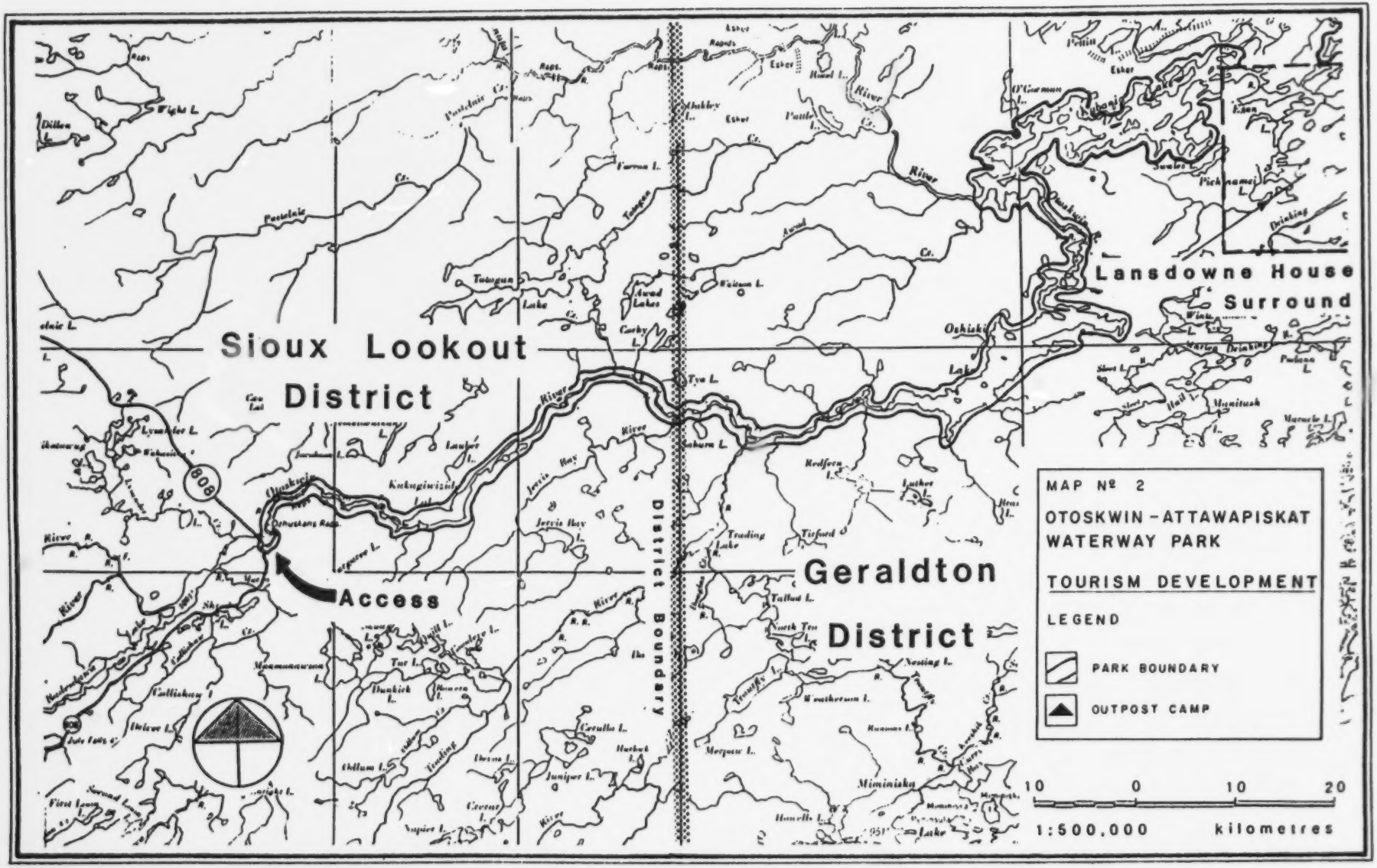
-aircraft landings will be permitted within the entire park area.

2. Trapping

There are portions of 15 traplines within the area. All are operated by native trappers. There is no complete inventory of trapline cabins.

Guidelines:

-trapping is a permitted use within this recommended park;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OTOSKWIN - ATTAWAPISKAT
WATERWAY PARK
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
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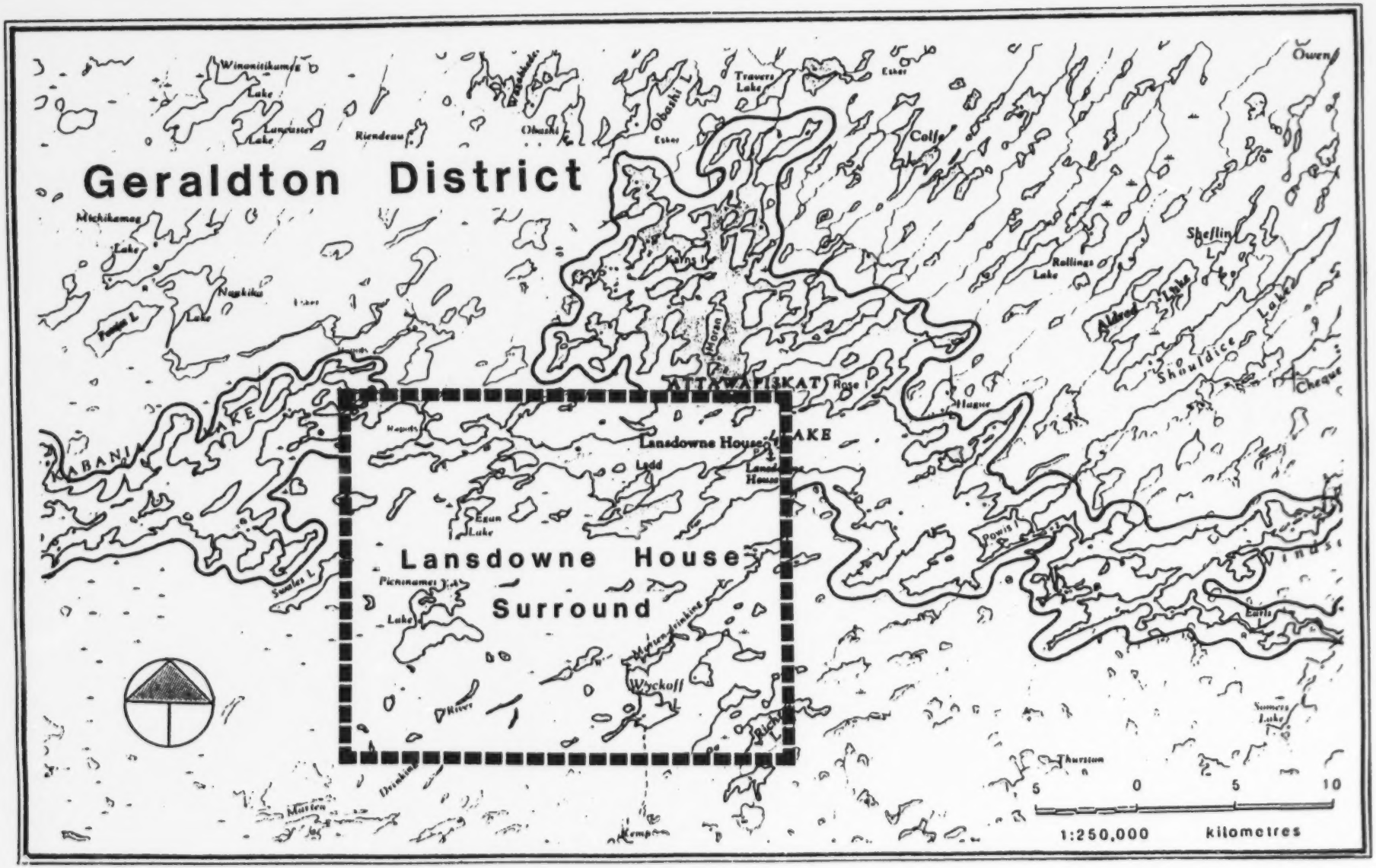
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Michikamau Lake
Nagakika
Rollings Lake
Shelflin L.
Aldred Lake
Shauldice Lake
Cheque
Hague
Rose
Ladd
Ezun Lake
Powis
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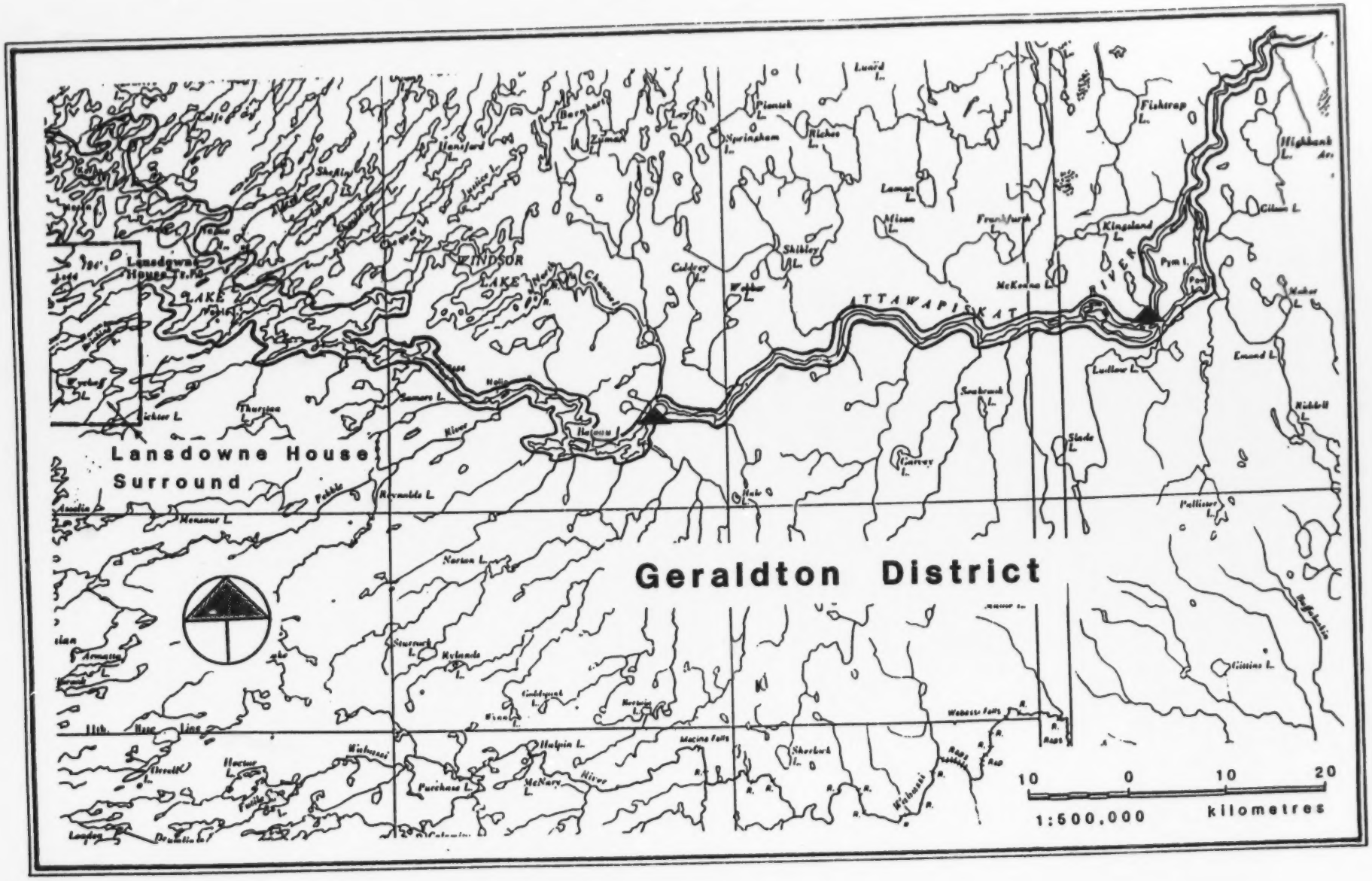
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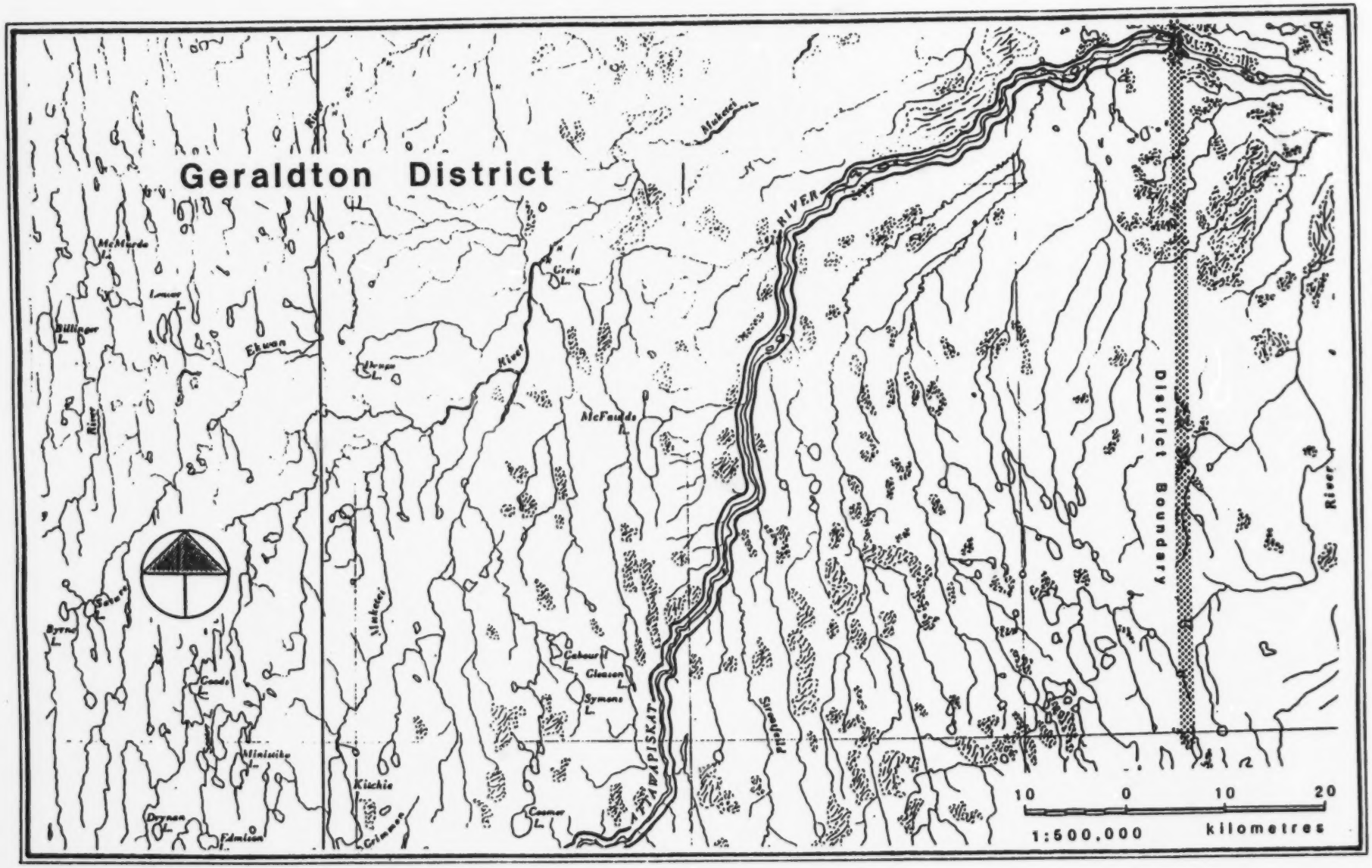
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-existing trapline cabins are permitted. They may be rebuilt at existing locations;

-new locations for cabins must be approved by District Managers, and are subject to a review of identified park values.

3. Commercial Fishing

Commercial fishing has occured on Attawapiskat Lake, Kabania Lake, Ozhiski Lake and Windsor Lake. Table 1 outlines the pertinent information concerning this resource use. All fishing has been carried out by Lansdowne House Fisheries. No bait fishing licences are issued north of the 11th baseline.

Table 1: Commercial Fishing in the Otoskwin-Attawapiskat Waterway

Lake Name	Last Year Licenced	Last Year Fished	Quotas(kg/yr) Wh.fish	Walleye	N.Pike
Attawapiskat	1984	1983	8,442	11,256	8,794
Kabania	1984	1977	5,553	7,404	5,784
Ozhiski	1984	1983	2,968	3,957	3,901
Windsor	1984	1978	1,791	2,388	1,866

Guidelines:

-commercial fishing by native communities is a permitted use in this waterway;

-quotas will be based on the best biological information available;

-greater use of the resource will be encouraged. This means greater utilization of existing quotas;

-no new licences will be issued;

-no bait fishing licences will be issued.

4. Mineral Resources

The recommended park area is withdrawn from staking. There were no staked or tenured mining claims in the area at the time of withdrawl.

There is one Ministry of Transportation and Communications gravel reserve on Attawapiskat Lake. It is used for maintenance of the airstrip. Although this area is not defined as within the recommended park boundary, it may become part of the park if the question of Indian Reserve status is resolved.

Guidelines:

-mineral exploration will be a permitted use in this waterway park under an exploratory licence of occupation;

-companies that wish to use the waterway only for access to their properties will require the approval of the District Manager. permission is subject to a review of identified park values;

-the community of Lansdowne House will have access to any gravel resources which are required.

5. Timber

The Otoskwin-Attawapiskat waterway is not a portion of any Crown of company management unit. The timber resources this far north have little commercial value. The residents of Lansdowne House harvest trees along the waterway for firewood and sawlogs for local construction material.

The actual volume of wood utilized each year is not known, but the level of use is thought to be minimal. The harvesting methods used have little impact on the environment and aesthetics of the waterway.

Guidelines:

-the residents of Lansdowne House will be permitted to harvest timber along the waterway for firewood and building material.

V Native Interests

The community of Lansdowne House has been seeking Indian Reserve status for many years. The area around the community has been set aside to prevent land disposition from occurring which might prejudice negotiations.

The people of Lansdowne House use the waterway for recreation, commerce and subsistence hunting and fishing. Recreational uses include boating (with outboard motors), swimming, camping and snowmobiling. There are numerous cabins along the river system which may be utilized as summer residences, trapline cabins and/or commercial fishing cabins. One large cluster of about six cabins is located on Windsor Lake (within the park boundary).

There is a cemetary site on the north shore of the Attawapiskat River at the exit from Attawapiskat Lake.

Guidelines:

-the existence of the recommended Otoskwin-Attawapiskat waterway park will not prejudice the negotiations for reserve status. The recommended park boundary will be altered if required, when the issue is concluded;

-the local people will continue to use the waterway as they have done in the past;

-no new settlements will be permitted to develop within the recommended park area. This does not preclude the possibility of a relocation of the existing community;

-the cemetary site will be protected from incompatible uses.

-the Ministry will discuss any concerns that native people may have regarding this recommended park.

VI Natural and Cultural Resources

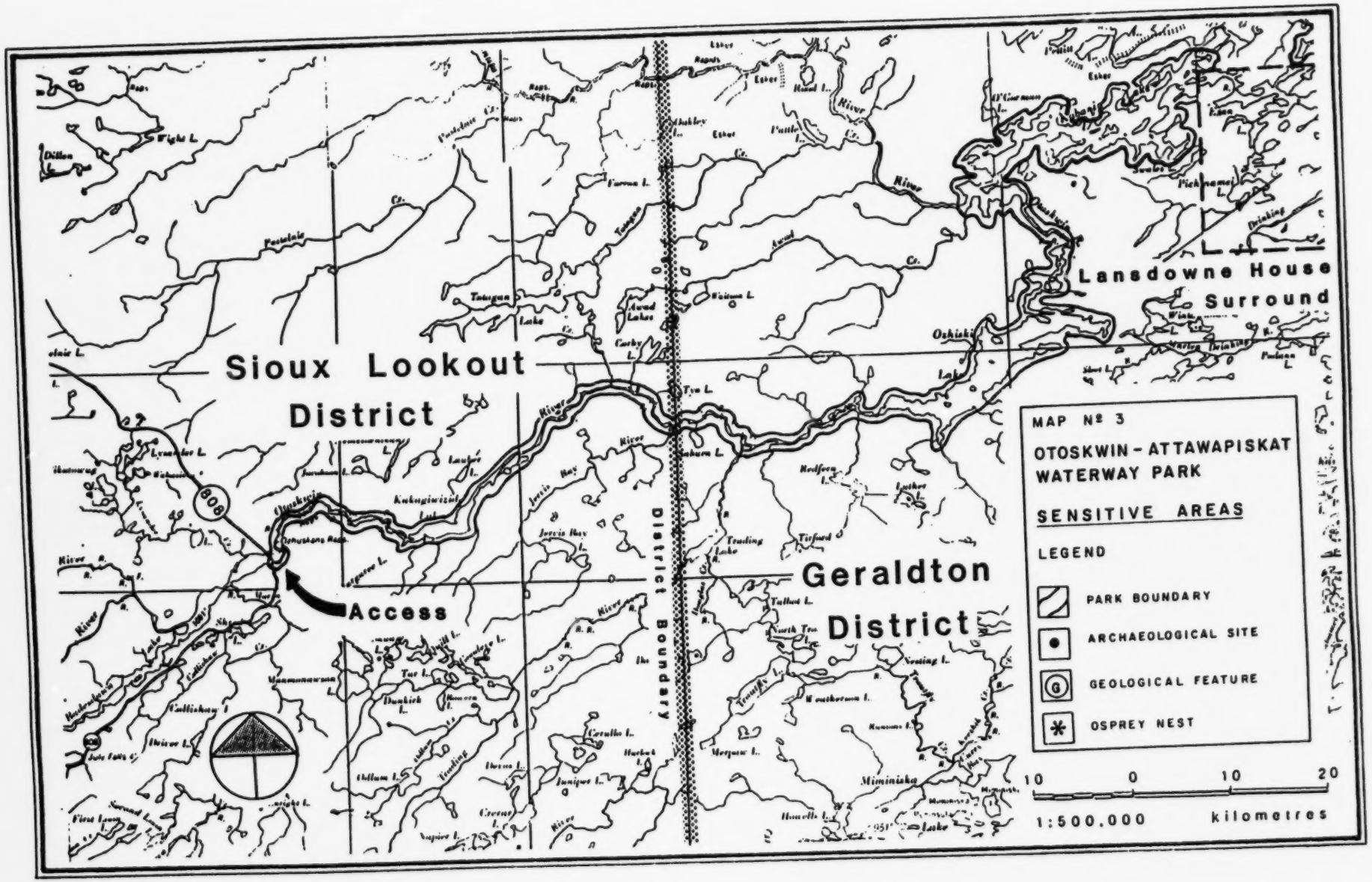
Two sites of geological interest have been identified along the waterway (see Map No.3). Both are dolomite outcrops of the Churchill River group.

One osprey nest has been identified on Kabania Lake.

A preliminary survey of the archaeological resources of the Attawapiskat Lake area has identified over 30 sites. This is an indication of the high archaeological potential of the waterway.

Guidelines:

-sensitive areas will be recorded and appropriately managed as they are identified;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OTOSKWIN - ATTAWAPISKAT WATERWAY PARK
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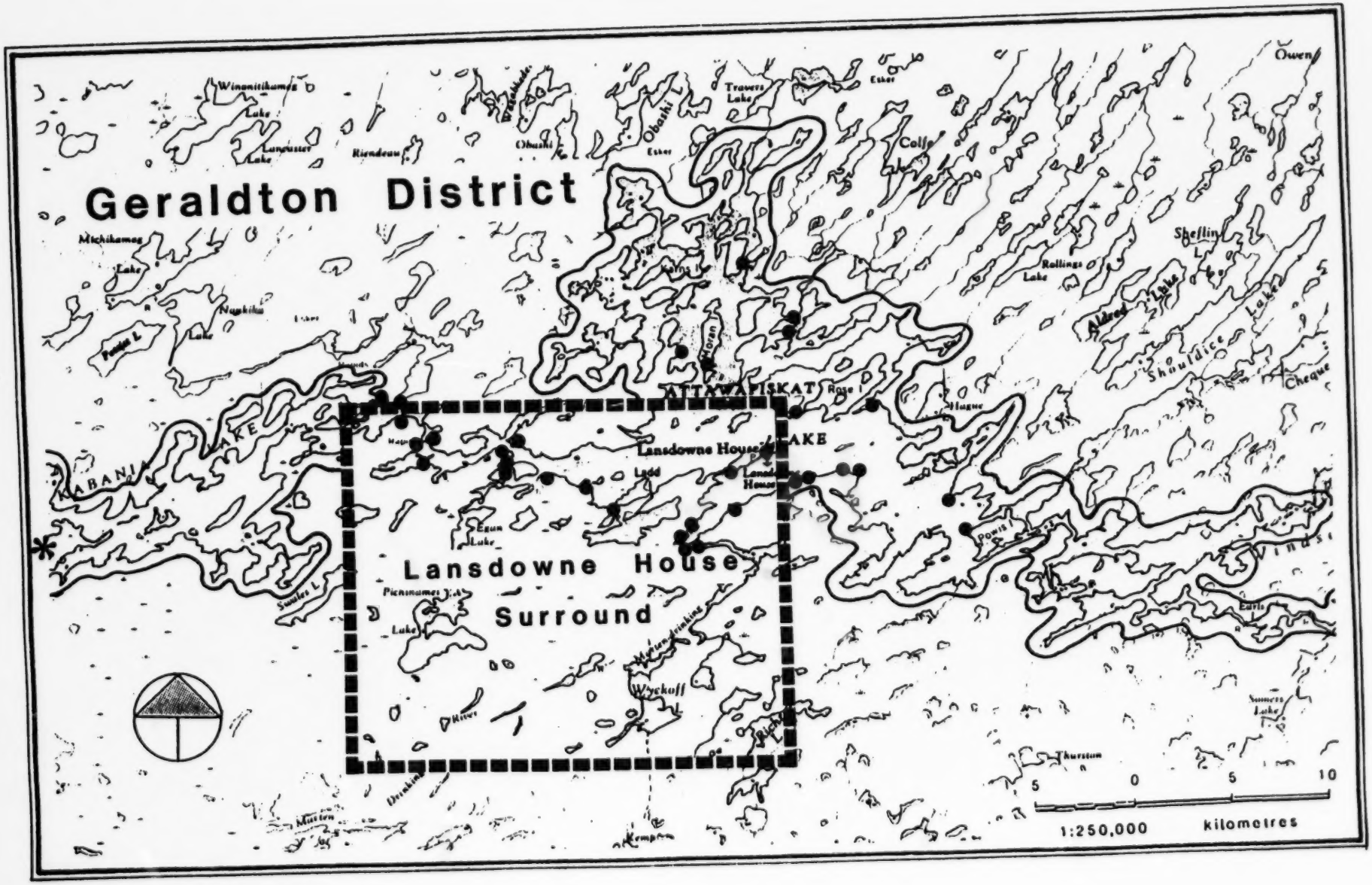
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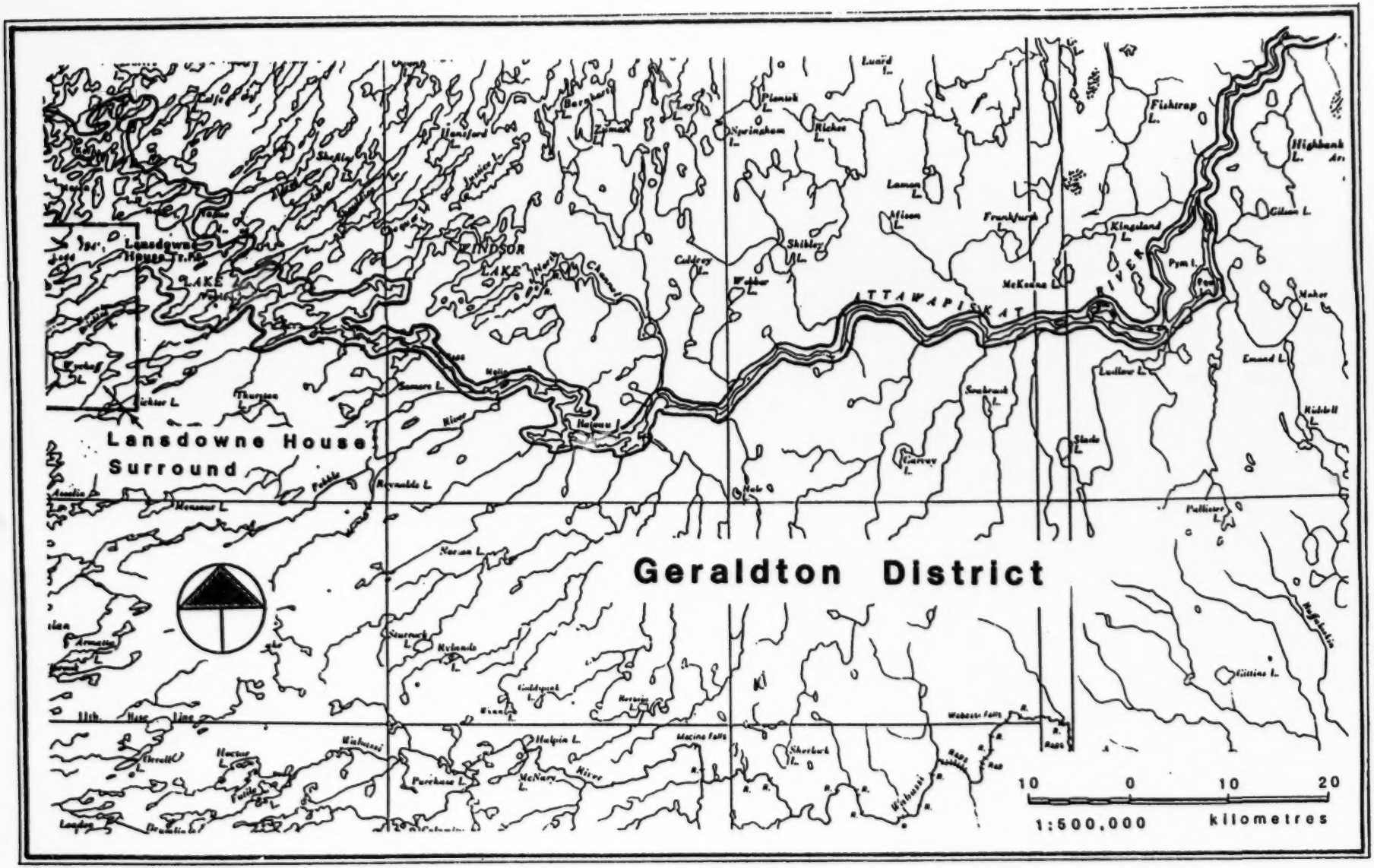
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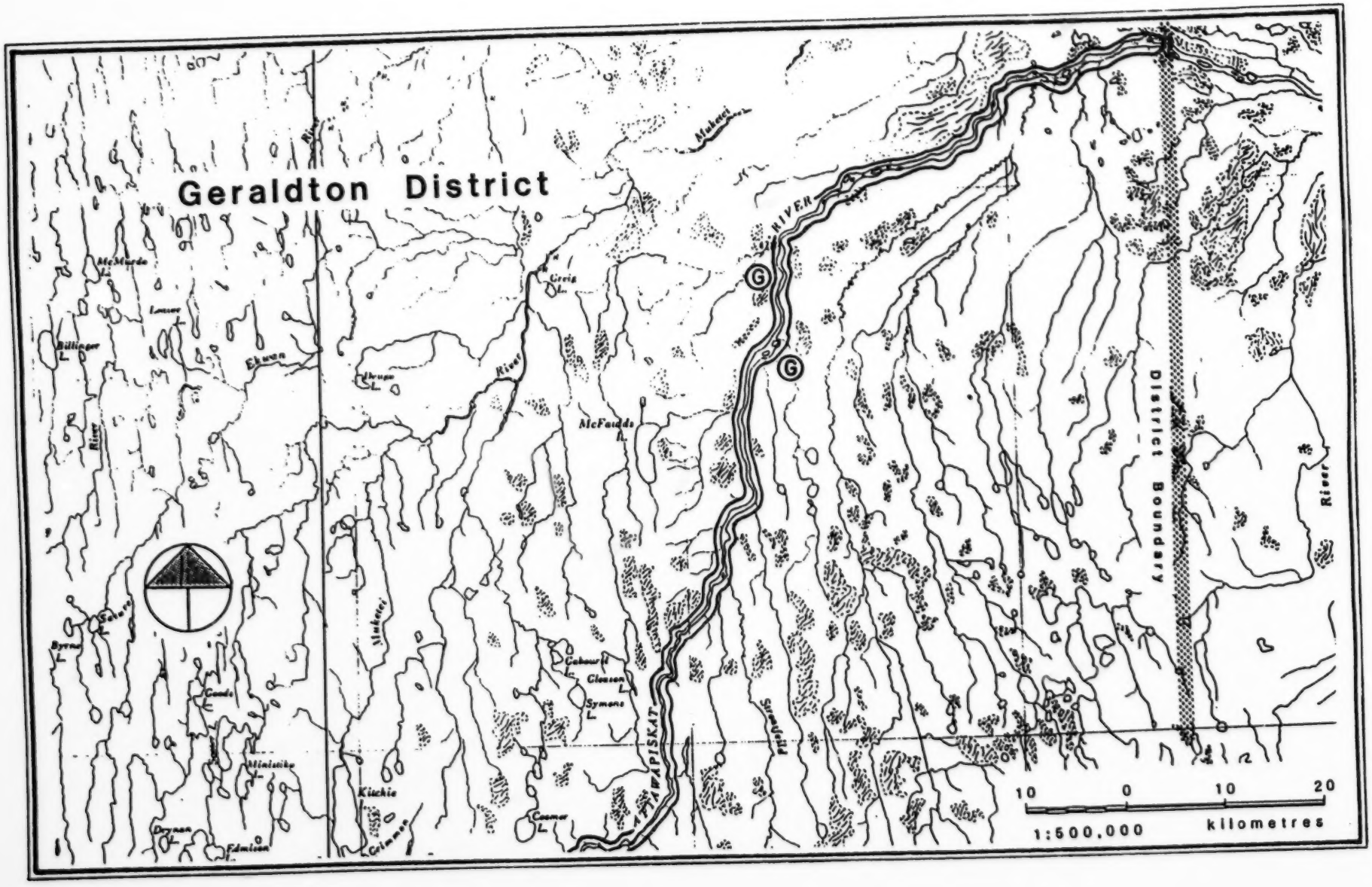
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Connor
Edmison
Dyment
Byrne
Caboni
Condie
Minisuche
Mukeni
Sutton
Sutton River
District Boundary
River
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-personnel of the appropriate branch of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture will be consulted on issues concerning the management of cultural resources.

VII Fire

Guidelines:

-fires occurring within the recommended park will be managed according to the Regional Fire Management Policy;

-access proposals for fire management purposes must be approved by the District Manager.

VIII Client Services and Marketing

The Otoskwin-Attawapiskat Rivers canoe route is not well documented. The Geraldton District Office has a brochure on the waterway which deals primarily with the portages. It has not been recently updated.

In addition, there is a set of maps available at a scale of 1 inch equals 1 mile, however, they show little detailed information. This canoe route is not listed in other publications which receive wider distribution like 'Canoe Routes of Ontario'.

Guidelines:

-a survey of the waterway to determine the conditions and location of portages and campsites will be carried out. Geraldton and Sioux Lookout districts will co-operate on this project;

-the maps and pamphlets on the waterway will be updated;

-the waterway will be listed in future canoeing publications when the opportunity presents itself;

-an information system to determine the actual level of use will be established by Geraldton, Sioux Lookout and Moosonee districts.

IX Research

There are no plans to carry out any special studies in this recommended park in the near future.

Guidelines:

-research for scientific purposes and to supplement earth science and life science information will be permitted. This research must enhance identified park values.

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APPENDIX A: CROWN RESERVE INVENTORY RECORD
ATTAWAPISKAT RIVER

CROWN RESERVE INVENTORY RECORD

1. District Geraldton

2. Name of Area/Reserve Part of Attawapiskat River WRR-2

3. Type B (A, B or C) Order Number W64/75 (for Type B & C)

4.

	Acres	Hectares
Land + Water	34,920	14,172
Water		
TOTAL	34.920	14,172

5. Location Description Outflow of Attawapiskat River from Windsor Lake Long. 87°37' to Geraldton District East Boundary Longitude 85°22'

6. Latitude

7. Longitude

8. Map Plan No. T-
M-

9. Area Name

10. Purpose of Reservation Wild River Park Reserve

11. Date Laid Down (Reserved) November 14, 1975

12. Requested by whom (user group) Parks Branch

13. Present Use (a) same as No. 10 or Same as No. 10

14. Confirmation - Site will meet Criteria of Purpose
Site meets criteria of purpose

15. General Description of Physical Features

(a) Topography Not Available

(b) Forest Cover Jack pine, black spruce, white birch, and poplar

(c) Soil Depth & Texture Not available

(d) Wet Beach Boulders and sand

Dry Beach Boulders and sand

16. Means of Access

Aircraft access